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COORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AND OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE THEME OF THE 1995 COORDINATION SEGMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution E/1996/L.39

Follow-up to the major international United Nations conferences and summits, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991, on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, and resolutions 46/235 of 13 April 1992, 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 2 July 1996, on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its agreed conclusions 1995/1 on coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recognizing the efforts made by the Secretary-General through the Administrative Committee on Coordination for establishing coordinating inter-agency mechanisms in support of the follow-up of the major international conferences and summits, including the implementation of their respective programmes of action,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system: implementation of the agreed conclusions on the theme of the 1995 coordination segment of the Council", 1/

1. Decides that the Council shall continue to ensure, on a regular basis, the harmonization and coordination of the multi-year work programmes of relevant functional commissions by promoting a clear division of labour among them and providing clear policy guidance to them;

2. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to take into consideration the decisions, resolutions and agreed conclusions of the Council and its functional commissions as the basis for inter-agency follow-up of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, including the selection of cross-cutting themes for its work;

3. Invites also the Administrative Committee on Coordination to present the reports on the work of its task forces on an enabling environment for economic and social development, basic social services for all, and employment and sustainable livelihoods, as well as inter-agency committees on sustainable development and women and gender equality to the substantive session of the Council in 1997 and to identify policy and coordination issues to be addressed by the Council and the General Assembly;

4. Invites the Administrative Committee on Coordination to consider specific areas to enhance system-wide coordination in the themes identified for the coordination segment of the Council and to bring system-wide coordination issues to the attention of the Council and to make recommendations thereon;

5. Calls upon all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to integrate the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields into their programmes of work and to contribute relevant information, analyses and assessments to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General in support of the Council's own thematic reviews;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with agreed conclusions 1995/1, to present reports in a timely manner and in a concise format, clearly identifying the issues and outlining options for action and their implications in order to facilitate decision-making by the Council and its subsidiary bodies;

7. Reiterates the importance of the provisions on mobilization of resources contained in agreed conclusions 1995/1 for the effective implementation of the results of the major international conferences in the economic, social and related fields.

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